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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT

REF: LIBREVILLE 1256

1. AS EMBASSY LIBREVILLE AWARE, RELATIONS BETWEEN HOUPHOUET AND BONGO HAVE BEEN STRAINED IN PAST YEAR BY GABON'S WITHDRAWAL FROM OCAM FOLLOWED BY CURRENT WITHDRAWAL FROM AIR AFRIQUE. GABONESE EMBASSY SOURCE INDICATED TO EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT HOUPHOUET WAS SHOWING HIS IRRITATION BY DECLINING TO AFFIRM RESPONSE TO GABONESE INQUIRIES THAT HE WOULD ATTEND IN PERSON THE OAU SUMMIT IN LIBREVILLE.

2. HOUPHOUET HAS IN FACT ONLY BARELY ATTENDED OAU SUMMITS OVER HE YEARS. THE LAST ONE HE WENT TO WAS IN ADDIS ABABA IN 1973, AFTER A GAP OF A DECADE. IN HOUPHOUET'S ABSENCE, FOREIGN MINISTER USHER REGULARLY REPRESENTS IVORY COAST.

3. IN RECENT YEARS, THE GOIC HAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED THE OAU AS BEING DOMINATED BY A MINORITY OF PROGRESSIVES AND PRODUCING ONLY STERILE RHETRIC.

4. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE FUNDAMENTAL SIMILARITY
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OF OUTLOOK BETWEEN GABON AND IVORY COAST AS WELL AS HOUPHOUET'S RECENT CALLS FOR MODERATE STATES TO PRESENT A UNITED FRONT BEFORE THE SOVIET-CUBAN-ASSISTED PROGRESSIVES, EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT A SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE THAT HOUPHOUET WILL PUT ASIDE PERSONAL FEELINGS IN THE INTERESTS OF MODERATE SOLIDARITY AND GO TO LIBREVILLE HIMSELF. IF HE FOLLOWS HIS USUAL PATTERN, HOWEVER, HE IS UNLIKELY TO MAKE

OR AT LEAST TO ANNOUNCE HIS DECISION UNTIL VERY CLOSE TO THE
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